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## WILSON TO ASK CONGRESS TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

**Believes Germany Playing for Time. Bernstorff Said to Have Instructions, Play for Further Hold Off On the Lusitania Matter; Washington Has Tense Day.**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23 — The appearance of President Wilson before congress in the next few days to announce his desire to break off diplomatic relations with Germany is forecasted this afternoon by high administration officials.

One official said that this action is certain if the intimations are correct that the German foreign office is sending Ambassador von Bernstorff instructions to play for further delay in the termination of the Lusitania dispute.

Washington today passed the tensest day in recent history. Not even before the declaration of war on Spain was there any-

thing like the feeling that existed today.

It became certain that a secretary of war will be appointed at once.

Brand Whitlock, it was said on every hand, would be the man, but the white house was mum.

Members of congress appeared at the white house this morning to lay before President Wilson evidence that a strong propaganda is underway to bring about National legislation desired by the German government.

This propaganda is seeking to accomplish two things: the stopping of the shipment of munitions to the allies and warning Americans to keep off of armed merchantmen.

### Citizens Bank

**Open on March 15**

In conversation with Mr. S. A. Jones, organizer of the Citizens' Bank, we learned that it is the intention of this bank to open its doors to the public about March 15.

Mr. Jones, as well as all others who are directly interested in this bank, is very enthusiastic over the bright prospects ahead of the institution.

### Residence Burns

About 10 A. M. Wednesday night a three room house on the corner of Vigil and Thornton streets, in some unknown way, caught fire and was soon in ashes. There was no one living in the house and the fire had been burning some time before it was discovered and the alarm was turned in. However had the alarm been promptly given it would have been of no avail, for the building was too far from any water plug to be reached by the present amount of fire hose.

Better fire protection for Clovis is a vital need.

### Barn Burns.

Thursday morning about 11 o'clock a small barn belonging to Tom Davenport caught fire and soon burned to the ground.

The barn is supposed to have caught fire from some toy caps being fired in a toy pistol by some small boys. The building was used by J. E. Lindley as a garage.

### Small Pox

Several cases of small pox, in a mild form, have broken out in Clovis this week. With the proper precaution being taken by our health authorities and all others, we do not anticipate that the disease will spread.

Every precaution should be taken, and doubtless will be to prevent the disease from spreading. This will probably mean the quarantining of some, and thereby, the curtailing of their "personal liberties," but it is necessary that a few suffer for the benefit of the whole, and who will say it isn't fair?

### Mission Garage Sold.

The Western Tire and Garage Company have bought the Mission Garage. One of the men connected in an official way, with this company said to a News reporter: "It is the intention of our company to build nineteen garages in New Mexico, at an average cost of \$10,000 each. Our present building in Clovis is only temporary. We expect to erect an up to-date garage building here. We are incorporated to do business in New Mexico with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. Our chain of garages will be extended over this state, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and all the western states. We are building a plant between the railroad tracks in Farwell Texas, with offices in Mexico."

### Enlarges Grocery Business

We were in error last week when we stated that J. A. McFarlin had bought the Busby stock of groceries. A. B. Austin, proprietor of the Model Grocery is the man who purchased this stock.

Mr. Austin has enlarged, and otherwise changed this stock of groceries until this is now one of the neatest and most thoroughly up-to-date and down-to-the-minute grocery stores in the city. R. H. Mann, an experienced groceryman from Quanah, Texas is in active charge.

Mr. Austin said to the News man: "The people in that part of town need and deserve a first class grocery store, and it is my intention to keep this store in operation at the same old stand, and make it one of the very best in town. I will keep in stock there a clean, fresh stock of groceries always and sell at right prices."

### Stockman's Convention

We acknowledge, with pleasure, an invitation to attend the Sixteenth Annual Panhandle and Southwestern Stockman's Convention, which convenes in Albuquerque, March 7, 8 and 9. The biggest hearted bunch of red blood Americans that ever assembled in these cattle men. We would "shore" like to go, and if our bank account hasn't dwindled to the vanishing "pint," we think we will go and rub up against that bunch of big hearted, big brained gentlemen.

### Some Corn

The News man hopped into his buzz wagon and buzzed out to J. N. Parrotts Monday afternoon. As usual that gentleman-farmer was busy. He had a pair of superfine horses hitched to an extra large wagon, while he, with an extra large scoop shovel was scooping extra large ears of corn into the afore-mentioned wagon.

"This load will round out 1000 bushels of corn I have sold this year," said Mr. Parrott. "I have that pile you see there left." There was between 200 and 300 bushels of corn in "that pile." This corn was grown on 30 acres of land. "I have been here since 1906 and I have raised corn every year. I have had corn to sell every year save two," said Mr. Parrott.

This farmer-stockman has thrashed 1895 bushels of grain this season besides his Indian corn, and the produce from 30 acres he did not thrash.

Mr. Parrott has a small bunch of good cows, horses, hogs, and chickens. He has a real good home, with many modern conveniences, and is really living and enjoying life. Come to Curry county New Mexico and quit having the "blues."

V. J. Hagan, a traveling man from Princeton Illinois, was in Clovis for two days this week. Said he to a News reporter: "I am simply delighted with your town and country. That is why I remained over here for two days. I expect to close out my business in Chicago and move to this Plains country." That's the way all the wise ones talk.

### Deming Sheriff Shot

The killing of Sheriff, D. B. Stephens, of Luna county, comes as a distinct shock to thousands of people in this state. Mr. Stephens was fearless and courageous in the discharge of his duty. He was a terror to the "bad" men of the country, and his death is mourned by hosts of law abiding citizens over the entire state.

The jailor, J. C. Tabor, was overpowered, his gun and a small sum of money taken from him. He was then locked in a cell and five prisoners made their escape. One of the prisoners telephoned a local garage, saying he was the Sheriff, and asking that a car be sent immediately, as he wanted to take a sick man to a health resort some distance away. The car was brought and the driver thrown in a cell, and the five outlaws took the car and headed for the mountains near Rincon. An hour later the jail delivery was discovered and Sheriff Stephens with a posse of deputies set out in hot pursuit. The bandits being over taken a fight ensued in which the Sheriff met death, also one of the bandits. Another outlaw was wounded, also one of the Sheriff's posse. Another one of the desperadoes was captured the following day. The other two are still at large.

J. L. Walling, financier, capitalist and bloated bond holder, of Farwell, Texas, was looking after business here Wednesday.

W. A. Alley of the Locust Grove community, is here attending court this week.

### Program to be Delivered Saturday Night, at the Lyceum Theater, By Johnson's Band

March, "Honey Boys on Parade"	Capero
Remicks Song Hits For 1916	Lampe
(Synopsis) Introduction — Alabama Jubilee	
In Old Maderia, The Wedding of Sunshine and Roses, The Sweetest Girl in Monterey, Circus Day in Dixie, I'm on My Way to Dublin Bay, Molly Dear Its You I am After, Tulip Time in Holland.	
My Old Kentucky Home, Variations for all Instruments.	
Incidental Solos for Clarinet,	Arnold Cisaneros
" " " Baritone	Frank Davis
Waltz, "Moonlight on the Nile,"	King
Rags, "Memphis Blues" — — — "Booster Rag"	Fulton
Medley Overture, "Indian Maiden"	Jewell
March, "The Guy"	

A good program of pictures, no extra admission.

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